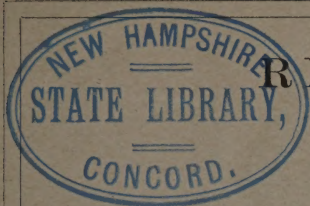


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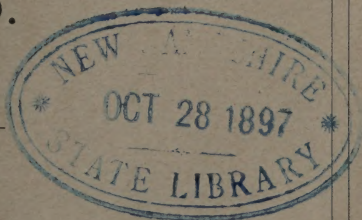
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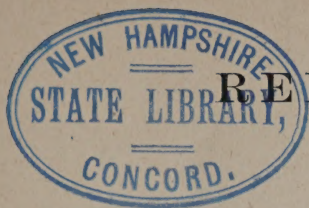
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FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1878.

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1878.

For town charges and debts of town,	\$150 00
Highway tax, in money,	150 00
For support of schools,	850 00
Total valuation of the town, April 1st, 1878, including polls,	\$236,870 00

3058

AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$712 00
County tax,	572 90
Town charges and debts of town,	150 00
Highway tax in money,	150 00
For schools,	850 00
Percentage,	53 00
Rate of taxation, \$1.05 on one hundred dollars.	
School house tax in Dist. No. 1, with percentage added,	35 39
School house tax in Dist. No. 3, with percentage added,	95 88
School house tax in Dist. No. 7, with percentage added,	31 17
Tax on 36 dogs,	40 00
Amount committed to collector, including non-resident highway tax.	\$2.744 60
Highway tax to be paid in labor, with percentage added,	829 25
Whole amount of school money, including Literary Fund, interest on School Fund and dog tax,	953 04

 AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO
EACH DISTRICT.

District, No. 1.	\$134 25
“ “ 2.	210 04
“ “ 3.	123 29
“ “ 4.	123 91
“ “ 5.	113 11
“ “ 6.	111 29
“ “ 7.	137 15
	\$953 04

ORDERS ISSUED.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Geo. H. McCoy, for services as town clerk for 1877,	\$15 00
Geo. H. McCoy, for going with the hearse,	14 00
Allen Hayward for services as treasurer,	15 00
K. D. Webster, " " " committee, on town hall,	10 00
Geo. C. Hubbard, for services as superintending school committee,	36 60
A. D. Hammond, for services as one of the selectmen,	44 32
Geo. H. Carpenter, for services as one of the selectmen,	29 00
L. R. Guillow, for services as one of the selectmen,	27 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., for collector's books, sur- veyor's books, check lists and paper,	4 65
Julius N. Morse, for printing town reports,	22 50
Silvanus Hayward, for surveying Bates road and running town lines,	4 25
W. W. Mason, County tax,	572 90
L. R. Guillow, for use of team before the com- missioners, team to Sullivan, and team to Marlow to pay land damages,	4 90
Solon A. Carter, State tax,	712 00
John Q. Pickering, for services in selecting views of the town,	3 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., for check lists and warrants,	1 75
S. W. Dart, for non-resident highway receipt for 1877,	4 13
S. W. Dart, for non-resident highway receipt for 1878,	32 52
S. W. Dart, for services as collector for the year 1878.	25 00
	\$1578 52

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Woodbury Corey for breaking roads,	\$6 00
Elbridge Smith for work done on road in the years of 1877 and 1878.	7 65
John C. Guillow for breaking roads,	6 05
Milton Stearns for work on highway,	6 20
Alpheus Chapin for breaking roads,	5 00
E. A. Howard " " "	75
Josiah Guillow " " "	2 00
Kendall Nichols " " "	4 05
H. L. Bates " " "	2 40
S. L. Nash " " "	4 74
N. O. Hayward " " "	4 05
D. W. Bill " " "	10 54
S. C. Gates for chopping ice on Bingham Hill,	83
Geo. D. Hayward for breaking roads,	2 90
S. L. Nash for cutting brush in the highway and East cemetery,	2 25
Jesse Dart for lumber for highways,	1 78
S. C. Gates for work on the highways,	1 50
Lewis Bridge for non-resident highway taxes,	20 00
A. J. Howard & Co. for bridge plank,	3 48
Julius Pletznier for work on highway,	2 00
S. W. Dart for lumber for highways,	24 59
S. C. Gates for work on highway,	2 22
D. W. Bill for repairing road scraper,	2 90
" " " " bridge plank,	1 54
Henry Bingham for work on highways,	4 20
Geo. E. Newman for building twenty-five rods of new road at .68 per rod,	17 00
C. L. Mansfield for bridge plank,	7 78
Ellen L. Mason, for land damage,	35 00
Edmond O'Keefe, for putting up railing,	4 95
D. A. Miller for work on road,	1 95
S. L. Nash for work on Grimes' Hill,	1 20
J. C. Chapman for blasting rocks and digging up sluice,	4 27

Paid L. R. Guillo for work on highway and putting	
up railing,	\$10 55
E. D. Banks for work on highway and putting up	
railing,	14 00
Jotham Bates for work on highway,	3 15
John C. Guillo for work on highway,	3 65
Lewis Bridge for work on highway,	3 70
Daniel Smith for breaking roads,	1 00
E. R. Carpenter for blacksmithing,	2 35
B. J. Mullins " "	1 50
	\$241 67

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Martin Bates school house tax for Dist. No. 7,	\$30 00
D. W. Bill " " " " " " 1,	35 00
B. H. Britton, " " " " " " 3,	92 00
H. C. Gates, school money in Dist. No. 1,	134 25
A. D. Hammond, " " " " " 2,	210 04
B. H. Britton, " " " " " 3,	123 29
Elbridge Smith, " " " " " 4,	123 91
Delbert B. Nash, " " " " " 5,	113 11
Bradley Stone, " " " " " 6,	111 29
B. H. Horton, " " " " " 7,	137 15
H. C. Gates, school money not expended in the	
year 1877,	10 16
	\$1,120 20

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid J. S. Bingham for keeping two tramps,	\$1 00
" " four "	2 00
" " one "	50
Lovisa Foss for taking care of Otis Bill.	11 50
Albert Hubbard for keeping four tramps,	3 00
George Barrette for moving J. S. Bingham's family,	1 50
Chas. W. Bingham for shaving and laying out	
Otis Bill,	2 00
Rodney Brown for provisions furnished Mrs. J. S.	
Bingham,	4 50
Alpheus Chapin for keeping four tramps,	2 48
John C. Guillow " one "	50
B. H. Horton for services rendered in taking	
care of Otis Bill, deceased,	1 00
A. R. Corey for digging grave for Mrs. Frank G.	
Nevers,	2 00
J. C. Guillow for getting coffin for Mrs. Nevers,	1 00
N. G. Woodbury & Co. for coffin for Otis Bill,	
more than County allowed,	2 00
	\$34 98

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. N. Hayward for horse that died on Bing-	
ham Hill,	\$80 00
Geo. E. Newman for tipping a load of logs into	
the river,	5 00
L. R. Guillow for money paid out for foxes killed,	50
A. D. Hammond " " "	
and bringing up town reports,	65
A. D. Hammond for one fox killed,	50
Francis T. Bates " two foxes "	1 00

Silvanus Hayward for general views of the town, to be inserted in the town history,	72 00
L. R. Guillow for paying part of the expenses in prosecuting Joseph L. Bingham,	5 00
Davis & Wright for stove pipe,	1 45
Frank B. Clark for gilding vane and ball for town hall,	8 50
H. S. Beckwith for work on town hall,	8 00
Martin Bates for building staging and shingling town hall,	8 98
Allen Hayward for work on town hall, and for boarding help.	18 33
S. W. Dart for shingles for town hall, and bridge plank,	21 51
Nims & Whitney for four blinds for town hall,	6 00
J. C. Guillow for bringing up blinds from Keene,	25
Davis & Wright for tinning the dome to the town hall,	39 00
A. D. Hammond for nails, screws, powder and fuse,	4 68
N. O. Hayward & Son " "	4 80
A. D. Hammond for money paid out for County on hawks & foxes,	14 00
	\$300 15

RECEIPTS FOR 1878, COMMENCING MARCH 1st.

Money in treasury, March 1st, 1878,	\$434 29
Received of Daniel Smith, collector for 1875,	5 00
S. W. Dart, " 1876,	20 96
" " 1877,	281 98
" " 1878,	2,236 87
" interest on taxes,	6 98

Received of N. O. Hayward for use of town hall,	\$6 00
E. P. Nash for old stove sold,	1 00
Selectmen Savings Bank tax,	950 11
“ Literary Fund,	46 25
“ account allowed by the County	
Commissioners for keeping tramps,	7 20
selectmen money received of County for	
taking care of Otis Bill,	11 50
selectmen money from sale of old shingles,	1 00
S. W. Dart, collector for 1878, non-resident	
highway receipts,	32 52
	\$4,041 66

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued for ordinary town charges,	\$1,578 52
“ repairs of highways and bridges,	241 67
“ support of schools and school	
house taxes,	1,120 20
“ support of paupers,	34 98
“ miscellaneous expenses,	300 15
	\$3,275 52

Receipts for 1878,	\$4,041 66
Expenditures for 1878,	3,275 52
Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1879,	\$766 14

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1879.

Estimated amount due town officers for 1878,	\$165 00
School house tax due District No. 7, assessed April 1st, 1875,	11 06

ASSETS.

Money in treasury, March 1st, 1879,	\$766 14
In hands of collector for 1877,	48 61
“ “ 1878,	463 88
	\$1,278 63
Indebtedness deducted,	\$176 06

Leaving a balance in the treasury and in the hands
of collectors, \$1,102 57

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS R. GUILLOW,	} Selectmen of Gilsun.
ELMER D. BANKS,	
A. D. HAMMOND,	

ALLEN HAYWARD, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned auditors chosen by the Town of Gilsun to examine and audit the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, report that we have attended to that duty and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN S. COLLINS,
DANIEL SMITH.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR 1878.

In fulfilment of the duties required by laws of New Hampshire, I submit the following report :

Raised by the town for school purposes,	\$850 00
Literary Fund,	55 00
Tax on dogs,	33 00
Interest on school fund,	15 00

Total,	\$953 00
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Divided as follows—\$200.00 and interest on School Fund and Literary Fund, by valuation, \$650.00 and dog tax, equally giving the several districts the following sums :

No. 1,	\$134 25
“ 2,	210 04
“ 3,	123 29
“ 4,	123 91
“ 5,	113 11
“ 6,	111 29
“ 7,	137 15

Giving to each scholar, reported by selectmen :

District No. 1,	\$8 39
“ “ 2,	7 78
“ “ 3,	17 61
“ “ 4,	8 87
“ “ 5,	7 41
“ “ 6,	8 55
“ “ 7,	5 71

SPECIAL REPORT.

DIST. No. 1. This school has had two terms of eight and eleven weeks each. Whole number of scholars, *Summer* Term, 18; average, 16 7-9. Whole number of scholars, *Winter* Term, 18; average, 16 3-5. Whole number of weeks school, 19. The school, throughout the year, has been under the care of Miss JENNIE E. WOOD. Miss WOOD has had much experience teaching, and the school showed good work done, especially at the close of the year. Wages, *Summer* \$27, *Winter* \$28, per month including board.

DIST. No. 2. This school has had 23 weeks of school. *Summer* Term of 8 weeks, *Fall* Term of 8 weeks, *Winter* Term of 7 weeks. The first term, whole number of scholars, 29; second term 30; third term 33. Average, first term 29 3-16, second term 28 2-13, third term 29. The first two terms were under the instruction of Miss JENNIE M. MERRIAM, whose good discipline had a great power for the good of this school, which manifested itself at the close of each term. Wages of teacher including board per month, first term \$34, second term \$34.

The third term of school was under the instruction of F. CLARENCE BLANCHIER; but owing to want of energy and decision in the government of the school, much of his labor was lost; but those who went to learn and had self-respect enough to conduct in gentlemanly and ladylike manner had a good opportunity to improve their scholarship. It is also very noticeable in this term, how much *home* influence has to do with the prosperity of a school. Wages, including board, \$26 per month.

DIST. No. 3. This school has had 24 weeks of school during the year—three terms of 8 weeks. Whole number of pupils 7; average for the year 7. There has been only two days absent marks in the whole year. This school has been under the care of Miss F. E. DARLING of Keene, whose success in this school has been great, the examinations being of

the most thorough character, showing that both teacher and pupils had worked hard and had accomplished a great deal. Here we see the effects of the diligence of parents in having their children careful to be *at* school, and to try to improve when there. Wages per month \$20.

DIST. No. 4. This school has had 22 2-5 weeks of school, two terms. *Summer* Term of 7 4-5, and *Winter* Term of 14 2-5 weeks. Whole number of scholars, *Summer* Term 13, *Winter* Term 16; average, Summer 12 1-2, Winter 15. This school has been under the instruction of Miss GRACE HAYWARD. This being her first experience in teaching it is not to be expected that perfection will be attained at once; but the teacher showed a desire for the advancement of her pupils with pleasant words of aid, but failed somewhat in discipline, which should be the "*Sine qua non*" of the district school. The school showed advancement in Reading, at its close, and we trust with more experience that she may rank among our best teachers. Wages, first term \$20, second term \$23.

It is necessary for the highest advancement of any school that there should be harmony among members of the same districts, otherwise the school fails to accomplish what it might. A great variety of text books, and consequently small classes was for the disadvantage of this school, perhaps in a measure accounting for the lack of progress in some studies.

DIST. No. 5. This school had two terms of 8 and 8 1-2 weeks each. Whole number of pupils, first term 19, second term 21; average, first term 17 4-5, second term 20. This school was under the instruction of Miss L. JENNIE COCHRAN, whose discipline was very good, but who worked to some disadvantages for want of blackboard room, but which was afterwards remedied. It is a noticeable fact, where the parents visit the schools often, the scholars seem to be more interested. Miss COCHRAN was generally liked so far as I have learned. Wages, \$24 per month.

DIST. No. 6. This school was under the charge of Miss MARY E. BRITTON of Surry. Miss BRITTON met with good success in this school trying to combine theory with

practice and application. The school is small, but for the most part, seemed to have a desire to please the teacher and to improve the opportunities offered them. Whole number of scholars, first term 8 ; average 7 3-4. Whole number, second term, 9 ; average, 7 4-5. Wages, \$19 first term, \$20 second term.

DIST. No. 7. This school has been very successful under the instruction of Miss IDELLA M. GUNN, whose abilities for teaching are very good. This school sustains its reputation for the best primer class in town, while the older scholars are by no means overlooked, but showed by examination, that they too had been instructed. This school has had three terms, the last two, as in most of the other schools where they had three terms, with only a short vacation, and only one examination. Whole number of scholars, 1st term and second term 21, 3rd term 22 ; average, 1st 20.3, 2nd 20.18, 3rd 20.85. Wages per month \$21. We predict for Miss GUNN a very successful career in teaching, and it is the desire of the committee that more teachers of this kind may find places in our schools.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The welfare of any community, town or nation, may be said to be represented by its system of public education of the masses ; therefore, to enjoy what it is our privilege to as a civilized and enlightened people, we must make the standard of our intelligence higher and higher as we stride along the course of time. To think of returning to the primitive state of our public school system 100, or even 50 years ago, is folly, and to think we have *attained* the desired goal is worse than

folly. But if we cannot go to the past for our standard, nor have it in the present, we must press on; yes, onward and higher.

We do not want costly *buildings* half so much as we want costly *teachers*, teachers who will teach practically what the book may teach in theory. Perhaps there is no cause so productive of mediocrity in all the walks of life as the want of knowledge practically applied to every day things. Then, in order to bring about this state of things, we want live, energetic men and women as teachers of the young in our schools, those who will also give good moral instruction, with scientific knowledge. Then we want Illustrative Apparatus. Our schools in this town are very deficient in this respect, I may say, almost totally so. Next we want the best text books and not too many at one time. Better learn a few things well than to get a smattering of everything and practically *know* nothing. It is necessary to concentrate the mind upon a few things, in order to have them firmly seated there.

Another important thing is to show ourselves interested, particularly in the progress made by our children. Indifference will produce indolence, while earnestness on the part of parents and guardians will almost invariably produce activity and accumulation of knowledge on the part of scholars. Uniformity of text books used, is of the greatest importance. The school that is not uniform in its lesson books can accomplish but very little, compared with what might be done with better classification.

Writing is sadly neglected. Perhaps once a week, or once in two weeks is thought to be sufficient; why not read but once a week?

The practice of writing spelling lessons has very many great advantages over oral spelling, and I am glad it is coming into use more and more. Then if education is lifting and ennobling to a community and nation, diminishing misery and crime, let us all see to it that we are lifted by its influence to a higher and nobler standard.

SAMUEL W. DART,
Superintending School Committee.

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